

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #45

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SUBJECT(S): Regional Housing Study, BRAC Business Initiative (BBI), BRAC Subcabinet Meeting

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DISCUSSION:

1. Housing Study:

- a. Howard County, along with Anne Arundel County and the City of Laurel, commissioned a set of studies to analyze the impact of BRAC growth on regional housing. The Sage Policy Group was selected to conduct these studies and will give a public briefing of the results on **Thursday, July 23rd** from **3:30pm-4:30pm** in Room #6 of the Howard County Gateway Building (6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD).
- b. Anirban Basu, CEO of Sage Policy Group, will present the results of the housing studies which cover a range of issues from determining the adequacy of the existing housing inventory to providing insight into the anticipated demands for new types of housing due to BRAC growth.
- c. This event is open to the public and we encourage your attendance. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Raj Kudchadkar at rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-6376.

2. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI):

- a. The BBI is focused on assisting small and minority companies in doing business with Department of Defense Agencies and/or their supporting contractors. We invite any company in the Fort Meade Region to become a Partner Company in this effort. Partner companies will benefit from information on BBI outcomes. And, importantly, will be belong to a formal networking group of over 200 local companies.
- b. If your company would like to participate, send me an email stating, "Make me a BBI Partner Company!" Please add your contact information and a 5 line capability statement. Call Kent Menser if you have any questions.
- c. If you or a member of your company would like to volunteer to support the BBI, send Kent an email ASAP!

3. Maryland BRAC Subcabinet Meeting:

- a. On 27 July 2009 at 2 PM, the Lt. Governor and the Maryland BRAC Subcabinet will be meeting at Meade Middle School. This will be a great opportunity for the public to receive an update on the status of Fort Meade growth and ask relevant questions. The presentation by the Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) will focus on its three top priorities; transportation, work force development and emergency services.
- b. Howard County has an interest in the status of the Public Safety and Health and Human Services functional areas and their inclusion in the State BRAC Action Plan.
- c. If any of the RGMC members and/or the public have specific comments or recommendations on any of these topics, please send them to Kent Menser this week.